

PATENT**IBM Docket No. RAL9-1999-0036US1****Remarks**

This paper is responsive to an Office action mailed May 7, 2004

The action contains a requirement that Applicants elect either an invention defined by original claims 1 - 37 or an invention defined by original claims 38 - 45. Claims 38 - 45 are being canceled by this amendment.

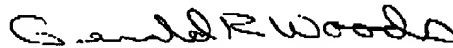
The action also contains a rejection of claims 1 - 37 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 - 32 of US patent 6,668,282 - Booth in view of US patent 6,230,281 - Brodfuhrer. IBM Corporation is the owner of all right, title and interest in both patent 6,668,282 and the present application.

A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted concurrently with this response to disclaim the term of any patent which might issue on the present application beyond the term of 6,668,282. The Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the stated rejection, which should be withdrawn.

The 6,668,282 patent is based on an application filed on the same date as the present application and, as noted above, is owned in common by the IBM Corporation. Thus, it is not prior art as against the present application. The 6,230,281 - Brodfuhrer patent, taken alone, clearly does not disclose or suggest the invention defined by claims 1-38.

Since no objections have been made to the drawings or specification, non-elected claims have been canceled, the double patenting rejection has been overcome by the Terminal Disclaimer and the prior art of record neither discloses nor suggests the invention defined by the claims remaining in the application, it is submitted the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,



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